(c) what is the district-wise number of SCs and STs benefited in this behalf during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Government of Himachal Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the House.

RD schemes operating in districts of Orissa

2883. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names/number of rural development schemes operating in Sundargarh and Jagatsinghpur district of Orissa at present and also the details for the last three years;

(b) the number of families benefited;

(c) the amount spent thereon (actual amount sanctioned and utilised) for last three years; and

(d) the schemes in operation in detail in the cyclone ravaged Erasama block of Jagatsinghpur district ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Construction of IAY houses in NER

2884. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of fund allocated for the construction of Janta houses in the States of NER for the SCs/STs, tribal people of hilly areas, and weaker sections of the society under the Indira Awaas Yojana during the last three years;

(b) the details of houses constructed and allotted to the aforesaid classes in NER during this period; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) to (c) The details of funds allocated and houses constructed under Indira Awaas Yojana in North Eastern States including Sikkim during the last three years are given in statement.

STATEMENT

Allocation of funds and construction of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana for North Eastern States including Sikkim during last three years.

Year	Allocation (In crores)	Houses Constructed (Nos)
1997-98	36.20	24350
1998-99	66.46	29853
1999-2000	206.30	27102*

*Provisional

Decline in fund allocation

2885. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual allocation of fund for rural activities has been declining;

(b) whether the mode of implementation is very poor; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA) : (a) The annual plan budget allocation for rural activities comprising agriculture, rural development and water resources has increased from Rs. 4748.00 crore in 1992-93 to Rs. 13017.40 crore in 1999-2000. However, there was a slight decline in 1997-98 and in 1999-2000, with a sharp increase in 1998-99.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

New projects for poverty alleviation

2886. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning any new project for poverty alleviation in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that poverty alleviation programmes have failed to achieve their objectives; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA) : (a) There is no proposal for any new project for poverty alleviation in the country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.